

Hawley left for N.Y. on Sunday - he will bring his wife with him.
Elizur Wright is here to day. I see he goes to publish, minutiae -
Sunday, mostly to Stowells church. This is noon - but it will come

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Dear Anne

What can one find, up in this wilderness, to interest a resident over the literary impoison? As well might one look for jewels in the dock, or gold in the White Mountains. But those who have little knowledge are ever more ready to impart it, than those who have much. Having got through this quandam, I will proceed, & say that we are well - that is, "we feel well," so say also, all the brethren, male & female, in this region. We are in a crisis, as Goodell would say, & what will be the result is not clearly seen, but we live in hope.

Hawley has given several lectures on "Christian Union" in the Hall to good audiences. The Ministers were all out to hear, & the task was put on to them without stint. I should have thought by their looks, that they had the Cholera

Poor dogs, I pitied them, much as they deserved the chastisement. To be brought before the bar of the public, & scourged like the meanest & wickedest criminals, was what they were not used to. Occasionally they attempted to defend themselves, but they always came off second best. Stanley lashed them the harder. He was too strong for them, & they felt their insignificance. They looked like sheep-thieves with bullet on.

A new church will be formed forthwith, on the principles of Christian Union, which will worship in the school. Drs. Dickson & Coagin, Brantlee, Huntwell & many others will commence it. That rascal of all rascals, Dudley, is exerting himself to save his bacon. As usual, he has thundered in the pulpit, & denounced Christian Union, but the people here are used to it, scarce little about him. One minute he shows fight, the next, favours. Let the poor devil mind - nothing but fine limestone will do him any good. He, & his clan, are in as pretty a pickle as need be. May they eat of the fruit of their own doings till they cease enough.

The Fair did not come off as well as I had hoped. The weather was bad, & that makes all difference in the country.

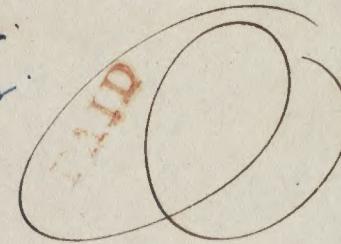
The old organization is looking up in this
quarter, & the disorganization is looking down. They
have not strength enough here to get up a
meeting. They consider it, judging from their
actions, quite a privilege to be allowed to
come to our monthly concert. How much
longer will E. Wright & Co. be able to sustain
themselves? These hard times may be sent
by deity to crush the matches. If the Mass. finds
it difficult to get along, she has the satisfaction
of knowing that the Abolition & American
are as bad off. Those poor fellows Fowey, & C.
Court street. do you not pity them? They must
go hungry some of the time. Else why the murmur-
ing & complaining & muttering? Do you not gentlemen
find treachery as profitable as you expected? I
expect A.A.B. is preparing a dose for Maria, & I know
not who else. Well, it indicates that there is pinching
somewhere, & scoffing sometimes leads to repentence,
Next Wednesday we leave home, bag & baggage, for that
vile place Boston. We have got where we can
look out into the country, & that is some comfort,
our location ^{is} 103 Tremont St. - corner of Boylston St.
I do not intend to go near the fanatic during
the winter, but keep my room, read, attend
lectures, & occasionally see what is doing upon
change. I will allow you to visit us, provided
you first agree not to open your mouth about
Antislavery, & not otherwise. I am determined to
have a little quiet, & to live as a good Christian
should.

yours A. Farnsworth

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